

## **V. REMARKS**

Claims 1-6 are objected to because of informalities. The claims 1 and 3-6 are amended to obviate the objection. Claim 2 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 are objected to because of informalities. The claims 1 and 3 are amended to obviate the objection. Claim 2 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 4-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. The claims are amended to obviate the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Amanai (U.S. Patent No. 5,273,294) in view of Pascal et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,971,851). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is amended in the manner as follows a hand, in particular, with regard to the backup restoration notifying control means:

(1) "means" is corrected to "device".

(2) In relation to each component, the game result display device, internal winning combination determination device, and game result display control device of original claim 2, now canceled, are added.

(3) In consideration of the first "wherein" clause in claim 5, the structure that the backup restoration notifying device is placed in front of the game result display device.

(4) As to the backup restoration notifying device, referring to Fig. 10 and its explanation, it is amended to

"a backup restoration notifying control device for controlling the backup restoration notifying device based on the information concerning with the game, the backup restoration notifying control device storing plural kinds of restoration patterns"

Similarly, the backup restoration notifying control device is amended, referring to Fig. 10 and its explanation, as follows:

“when the gaming machine is Powered on again and the backup restoration notifying control device selects one restoration pattern including the decisive image based on that the decisive image display determination device determines that the decisive image is displayed the backup restoration notifying control device controls the backup restoration notifying device so as to display the decisive image according to the restoration pattern selected by the backup restoration notifying control device on the backup restoration notifying device”.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the features of claim 1 as amended and discussed about. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to combine the features of the applied art because such combination would not result in the claimed invention. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the applied art.

Claims 3, 4 and 6 depend from claim 1 and include all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features they recite as now amended.

Claim 2 is canceled and therefore the rejection as applied thereto is now moot.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Amanai and Pascal in view of Ozaki et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0031658). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 5 depends from claim 1 and includes all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features it recites as now amended.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Newly-added claims 7 and 8 also include features not shown in the applied art.

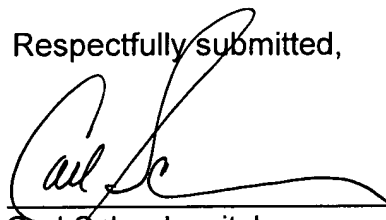
Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the right to submit those other reasons and to argue for the patentability of claims not explicitly addressed herein in future papers.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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